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HITS LAG AT "GEOR'I DIMITROV" AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PLANT

The "Georgi Dimitrov" Agricultural Machinery Plant holds a position of utmost importance in the mechanization of Bulgarian griculture. This plant has begun the production of 30 new kinds of agricultural machines and has adopted a large number of new production methods. Solely from the innovations introduced by technicians Zorov and Andreev in the production of sieves for threshing machines, more than 4,500,000 leva will be saved this year. Under the direction of Ivan V. Rats, the workers' committee at the plant produced the best steel melder in Bulgaria.

Not all the potentialities of the "Georgi Dimitrov" Agricultural Machinery Plant are fully utilized, however. Substantial weaknesses still exist in the fulfillment of production plans.

The obligations of the plant arising from the decree of the Council of Ministers for strengthening farm workers' cooperatives have not been fulfilled during the first half of 1951. The production of shelling machines and cultivators has lagged to a very large degree. Of the 2,500 shelling machines prescribed by the plan, only 688 have been turned out. The fact that the necessary specified materials were not supplied on time proved to be the main reason for nonfulfillment of the plan. However, the administrative and technical management of the plant, and more specifically the technical director, Engineer Vitanov, are to be blamed for the nonfulfillment. Ivan Kostov is entrusted with reducing production costs in the plant.

Necessary measures for accelerating the production of shelling machines were not taken in time. As early as April, the apparatus for grinding the disk could have been prepared in the plant, a second die for cutting disks could have been installed, and an additional furnace for their tempering could have been put in operation. If there had been a sufficient number of finished disks, the plant could have produced 232 more shelling machines in the prescribed time, because the other parts for these machines were ready.

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The technical planning at the plant, directed by Engineer Marko Dukovski and supervised by Karl Andt, is not adequate. It is a common occurrence that the sections producing parts do not provide a regular supply of parts for the assembly section. For instance, in the threshing machines section not one threshing machine has been produced from 1 to 15 July of this year, although the plan provides for the production of 50 threshing machines per month. This is a result of the fact that this section has not been supplied with sleeves for the ball bearings, shock absorbers, and spindles.

One of the main reasons for the lag in the work of the section producing parts and in the lathe and stamping shops is the inadequate training of the blue-collar workers. The enlarging of the plant necessitated the hiring of a large number of insufficiently qualified workers. The courses that were opened for training lathe operators and mechanics have not been attended regularly. The course for foremen has been discontinued. It was planned that courses for foremen of the stamping section should start at the beginning of June, but they have not yet begun to meet. During June, the busiest work period, the 250-ton press went out of order and remained idle a whole week.

The quality of the machines manufactured by the "Georgi Dimitrov" Plant is still cusatisfactory. The tardy delivery of materials to the plant and the frequent delays in plan fulfillment disrupt the production schedules and create unfavorable conditions for shock work which ultimately affect the quality of production. As a result of inadequate shock work and inadequate control, the plant turns out machines having some poorly made parts, as is the case with harvesters.

It is necessary to take steps to correct these deficiencies.

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